

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 59, 70, and 76 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 62, 78, and 81 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

In the Advisory Action mailed January 18, 2008, the Examiner stated that claim 48 was rejected in the Final Action and had not been amended. However, claim 48 was previously amended in the amendment filed July 2, 2007 to include the limitations of allowable claim 56. Therefore, the rejection of claim 48 in the Final Action appears to have been in error. In a telephone conversation on February 13, 2008 between Examiner Wilson and Applicants' undersigned attorney, Examiner Wilson agreed that claim 48 is allowable and that the above amendments would place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully submits the subject matter of allowable claims 2 and 4 was added to independent claim 1; the subject matter of allowable claim 62 was added to independent claim 59; the subject matter of allowable claim 81 was added to independent claim 70; and the subject matter of allowable claim 78 was added to independent claim 76. The subject matter of allowable claim 56 was previously added to claim 48 in the amendment filed July 2, 2007.

The Examiner objected to claims 4, 6, 44-46, 51, 53, 55, 56, 62, 64, 66, 67, 71-74, 77, 78 as being allowable but dependent upon a rejected base claim. While the claim status was not specifically stated in the Office Action mailed April 3, 2007 or the Final Action mailed September 19, 2007, the status of these claims as allowable but objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim was verified in a phone call with the Examiner on June 27, 2007. There is no rejection or objection of claims 81 and 82 included in the Final Action mailed September 19, 2007, and these claims were included

with the other allowable but dependent upon a rejected base claims on the OA Summary, so these claims are also assumed allowable.

Each independent claim (claims 1, 48, 59, 70, and 76) has been amended to include the subject matter of a respective allowable dependent claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-33700/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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